

Inventory Number: M 18:43
The Button Property
Montgomery Co., MD
C. Mazurek
October 22, 1997
Section 7.1

Addendum

The Button house located on the west side of Black Rock Road in Seneca Creek State Park is used as a rental property by the Department of Natural Resources. The house appears on the exterior to be well kept up with no obvious changes to the structure since the last survey of the property in 1979.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Button Property

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Black Rock Road, north of Seneca Creek

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

within Seneca Creek State Park VICINITY OF Germantown

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland (Dept. of Natural Resources) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Button Property, located on the west side of Black Rock Road, north of the Great Seneca Creek, is a typical early Twentieth Century farmstead of Montgomery County.

The main house is a two-story, stucco-over-frame structure with a heavy overhanging hipped roof and similarly hipped dormers on three of the four roof planes. Lightning rods on each of the dormers perform a practical as well as decorative function. Two chimneys are located on either side of what appears to have been at one time either a simple cupola or balustraded deck on the hipped roof.

A one-story open porch wraps around the east (main) and south facades. Any architectural details on the wooden supports or along the frieze have been covered by thick stucco.

The main facade is three bays wide: a central entrance flanked by two windows on the first story and three symetrically placed windows on the second story. A simple transom and sidelights surround the doorway. Plain box moulding outlines the 1/1 double-hung sashed windows of both stories.

Little distinguishes the three remaining facades. A second and third entrance are located on the south and west walls, respectively. The latter door has been blocked off. All windows are 2/2 double-hung sashed and are enframed with the plain box moulding.

Various outbuildings surround the farmhouse. All date from the same period as the main house.

The house and barns appear to be in good condition due to the fact that the complex is an active DNR rental property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) rural fabric of area	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Button farmhouse is a typical circa 1910 dwelling found in abundance throughout the rural areas and small towns of Montgomery County. Although it lacks many of the details to give it architectural or historical distinction, this structure, with its associated outbuildings, well sited along Black Rock Road, is an important contribution to the rural fabric of the area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bridget M. Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor February 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

269-2438

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

Maryland

CITY OR TOWN

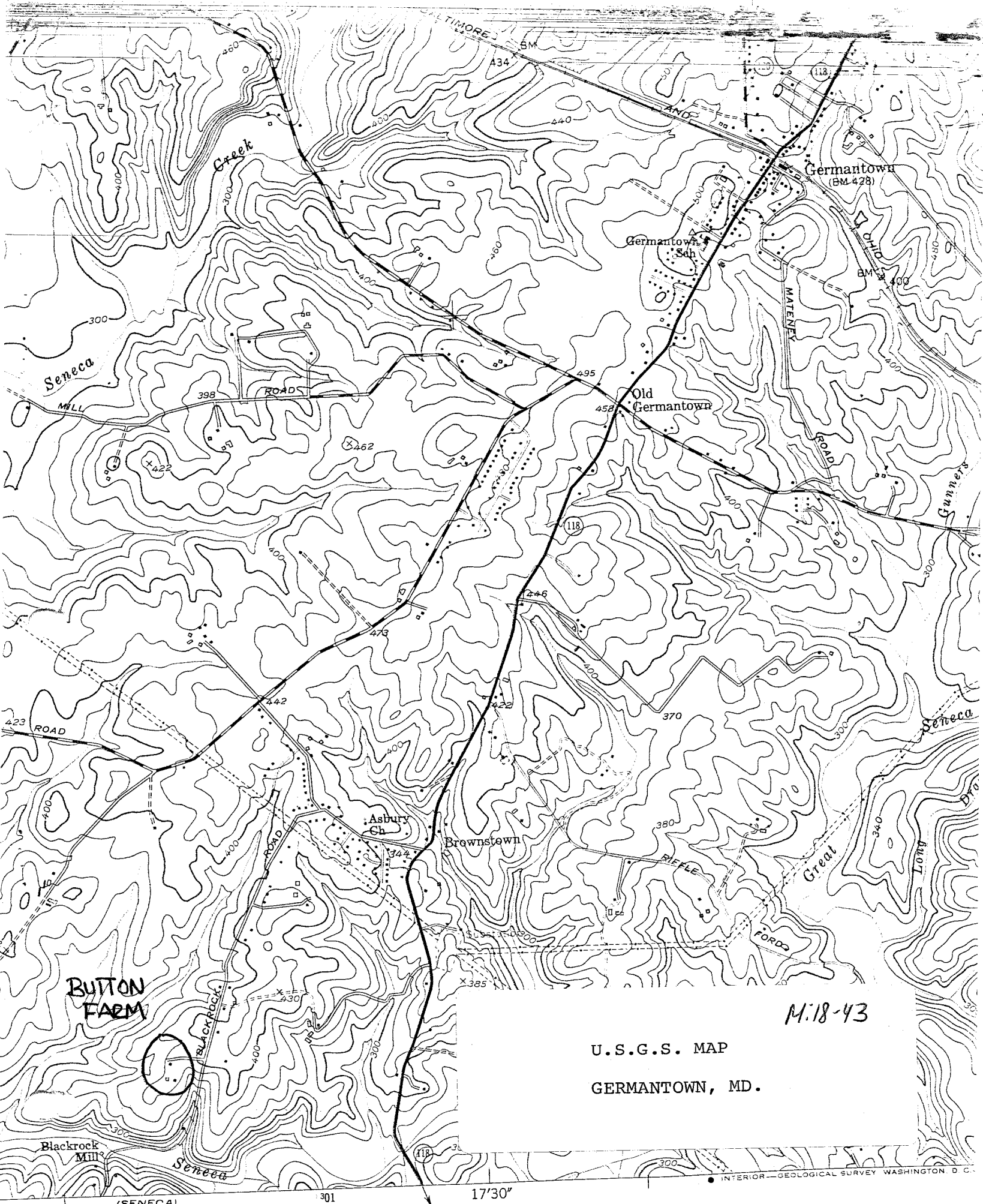
STATE

Annapolis

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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U.S.G.S. MAP
GERMANTOWN, MD.

INTERIOR — GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D. C.

(SENECA)
5562 III SE
SCALE 1:24000

17'30"
1.1 MI. TO MD 28

1 MILE

Heavy-duty

ROAD C



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BUTTON FARMHOUSE
SENECA STATE PARK

8/78 BMD

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